

Island Readers.....Tuesday Book Group

Informal Discussion



Everyone Welcome

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Chincoteague Island Library at 7 p.m.

December 15 - **Guest Author!** (Everyone is welcome) **SUSAN OKIE** - author of "To Space and Back"

Susan Okie is a family physician and an award winning medical journalist. While a student at Harvard Medical School in the 1970s, she began writing about medicine and health for the Washington Post, spending most of her career covering local and national medical news. She is the author of "Fed Up! Winning the War Against Childhood Obesity".

Susan Okie has known Sally Ride since they were students together at Westlake School. She remembers her as a "fleet-footed fourteen-year-old with a self-confident grin" who was her academic rival; they have remained close friends. Much has been written about the vast scientific importance of space exploration, but very little about the **human side of being a member of an astronaut crew**. With the help of friend and journalist **Susan Okie**, **Sally Ride** shares the personal experience of traveling into space and answers questions most frequently asked about a space journey in the book "To Space and Back". Most recently Susan is a graduate of the Warren Wilson MFA Program in poetry and won an award for her poem "Perseid".

December Holiday Fun!



Please bring a finger food/treat to share!

<u>Date 2016</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>
January 19	The Life We Bury	Allen Eskens	<i>Sandy</i>
February 16	Girl Waits with Gun	Amy Stewart	<i>Barbara</i>
March 15	Me Before You	Jojo Moyes	<i>Jan</i>
April 19	A Tale for the Time Being	Ruth Ozeki	<i>Bob</i>